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Boston, Massachusetts

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 10, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

It is recommended that a uniform method of transmitting records of telephone surveillances be made. If this is approved, there is attached hereto a letter giving uniform instructions to the Special Agents in Charge of those offices where such surveillances are now in operation.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Attachment

cc-Mr. E. A. Tamm

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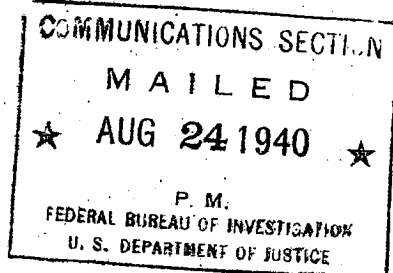
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Dear Sir:

In transmitting information obtained as a result of "technical surveillances," it is unnecessary to make of written record information which is of a purely personal character and which, on its face, would have no significance or value to the Bureau in its intelligence and investigative activities. Messages which have no significance, therefore, should not be made of record or written up in any way.

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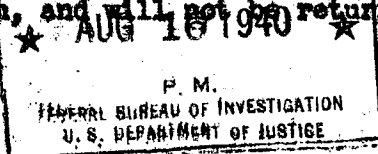
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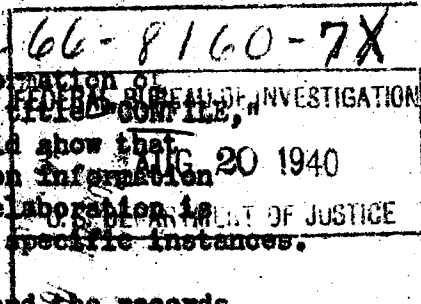
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Very truly yours,

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August 23, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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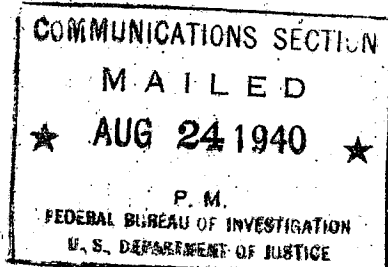
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

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Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

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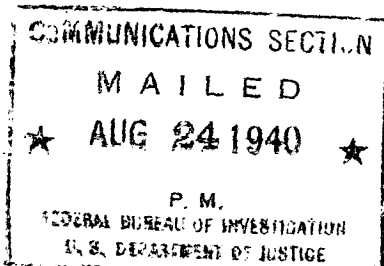
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John Edgar Hoover
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Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

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Special Agent in Charge
Savannah, Georgia

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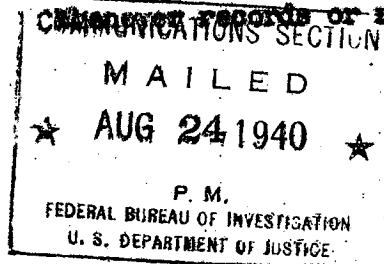
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August 23, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
San Diego, California

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

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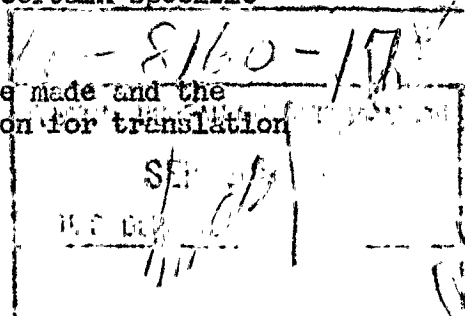
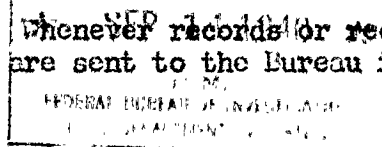
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AIR MAIL
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September 12, 1940

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Mr. A. C. Rutzen
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: ⁰ CON FILE

Dear Sir:

It has been noted that some confusion exists regarding the proper material to be submitted under the caption of "Con File". It is observed that field offices, in some instances, have initiated extensive investigations based on information originating through confidential sources in connection with this file with a view to developing possible espionage activities. While it is desired that such investigation be initiated, the procedure of carrying the title of such investigative action simply as "Con File" is incorrect and undesirable. Where some of this information, upon which such investigation is based, relates to [REDACTED] files of course should not be opened carrying the name of [REDACTED] as the subject of investigation. Under these circumstances, where no other specific subject can be determined, investigation should be carried as [REDACTED] New Orleans", or whichever office initiates such an investigative file.

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In order that the purpose of the Con File may be clarified and uniform practice followed in submitting information relative thereto, you are advised that the only information which should be forwarded to the Bureau under the title of Con File are memoranda setting forth material obtained from these confidential sources. The respective field offices will be held strictly accountable for instituting investigation upon any information received from these sources indicating any possible espionage activity. When such investigations are initiated, however, files should be opened under a proper title in accordance with the usual Bureau procedure.

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Director

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September 10, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 29, 1940, relative to the transmission of information to the Bureau in cases where technical surveillances are maintained. You inquire whether information obtained by technical surveillances should be reported in full, where it is pertinent, in an investigative report.

It is desired that pertinent information obtained through a technical surveillance be transmitted promptly to the Bureau in memorandum form as set forth in Bureau letter of August 23, 1940.

There is no objection, however, to also setting forth, or referring to, information obtained through a technical surveillance in a report when you feel that this procedure is necessary and desirable. It is suggested that you designate a permanent symbol, such as confidential informant to represent information obtained from this source. In this manner, any reference to this number in reports emanating from the San Diego Office will be known to pertain to information received through a technical surveillance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Diego, California

August 29, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of August 23, 1940, giving instructions concerning the transmission of information to the Bureau in cases where technical surveillances are maintained.

Your attention is respectfully invited to Paragraph 5 of this communication wherein it is stated that memoranda transmitting information relative to technical surveillances should be transmitted to the Bureau by cover letter. In view of the reference to memoranda it is not clear in my mind whether the information so obtained should at any time be set forth in an investigative report. Necessarily there must in many instances be some reference at least to a confidential source in the investigative report reflecting inquiries based upon data obtained by means of technical surveillances.

I would appreciate being advised by the Bureau whether information obtained by technical surveillances should under the present policy be reported in full where it is pertinent, in an investigative report.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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October 4, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Little advises me that on the night of the Supervisors Quarterly Conference, September 26, 1940, he was called from the conference by Mr. Kramer, who advised that, in accordance with instructions emanating from the Director's office, copies of memoranda prepared on information obtained from a strictly confidential source relating to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury that night without fail. The only copies that were available were the tickler copies on Mr. Little's desk, and on the night of September 26, a letter was prepared for Mr. Morgenthau transmitting these two memoranda dated September 24 and September 26, 1940, respectively, which letter was forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury that night.

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Mr. Little further advises me that Mr. Kramer instructed him that it was your desire to have material of this character, prepared in the future, forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, as well as the other interested agencies, which practice has been and is being followed.

The original memorandum with reference to [REDACTED] at the time the letter was directed to the Secretary of the Treasury, was in the outgoing mail, directed to General Watson, together with letters of transmittal sending copies to Mr. Berle, O. N. I. and G-2. This memorandum was subsequently returned for correction which accounts for the fact that copies were sent to Mr. Morgenthau prior to the transmission to the other agencies. The memorandum relating to [REDACTED] had already been forwarded to the interested agencies.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

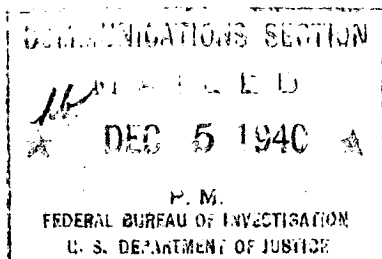
In order to preclude a duplication of correspondence as a result of information received by your office from the strictly confidential sources in operation at the present time, which material is furnished to the Bureau in memoranda form, it is requested that appropriate notation be made on these memoranda to indicate the action, if any, which is being taken by your office as a result of the information thus obtained.

You are, of course, aware that the supplemental investigations instituted as a result of this information should be separately captioned and individual cases opened on each person under investigation.

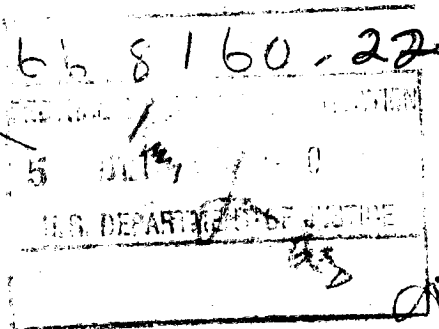
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 3, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D.O. Smith dated November 19, 1940, entitled CONFILE; [REDACTED] Please be advised that no investigative reports may be entitled Confile inasmuch as the information so captioned is limited to the strictly confidential sources of information which are designated as confidential informant [REDACTED] Any supplemental investigation instituted as a result of information contained in the Confile must be appropriately captioned according to the individuals under investigation. In the event a person under investigation [REDACTED] he should not be carried as a subject of a case, such a case being entitled [REDACTED] IN----(the appropriate city) - CONFILE: [REDACTED]

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In such cases as this, when supplemental investigation is requested by another office concerning persons in your district, separate cases should be opened with your office being the office of origin and copies furnished to the original office for information purposes and for the completion of their files.

There are being returned herewith four copies of the investigative report for correction. The original is being retained at the Bureau for file purposes and you are requested to furnish five corrected copies to the Bureau in order that the original may be destroyed. Corrected copies should be furnished to the New Orleans Office to take the place of the copies previously furnished.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the character of the case should be supplemented with the appropriate initial designating the type of [REDACTED] under investigation, [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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December 31, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have been advised by Mr. Tamm of his discussion with you relative to the matter of technical surveillances and I desire to inform you that at no time has the Bureau violated in any manner or degree the instructions or restrictions that have been issued with reference to the installation or maintenance of these surveillances. When your order of March 15th was issued, any and all surveillances then in operation were completely and entirely discontinued. No further technical surveillances were installed until after the issuance of the Presidential instructions of May 21, 1940, and since that time such surveillances as have been installed have been undertaken only in cases involving the National Defense, with the single exception of the kidnapping case on the West Coast with which you are familiar.

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It has not been the practice heretofore to place in writing any request made of the Bureau for a technical surveillance or to make a matter of record any data concerning the installation or maintaining of these surveillances. Henceforth, however, unless you advise to the contrary, no technical surveillances will be undertaken at the request of any other government department or Cabinet officer unless the request for the surveillance is made in writing.

There are, of course, a number of technical surveillances being maintained at the present time as an incident to investigation of National Defense cases. I assume that you have no objection to the continuance of these surveillances and I will continue them in operation unless you indicate to me your desire to have them discontinued.

Appropos of your discussion with Mr. Tamm concerning the Bureau's policy of referring information, often of a confidential nature, to Cabinet officers and to the heads of other governmental agencies, I wanted to advise you that this policy has been

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Nichols
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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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followed over a period of years in order primarily to afford the various Federal officials the benefit of information coming to the Bureau from various sources. As you can appreciate, the Bureau receives each day voluminous data concerning all types of incidents, transactions and occurrences. Much of the information received by the Bureau pertains to events that will transpire in the future. The information relates not only to violations of Federal Statutes but to often general information concerning financial, industrial, commercial and international events. There is always the possibility that the information reaching the Bureau is not in the possession of a Cabinet officer or other head of a governmental agency at the time it reaches the Bureau and often this information is of a type which may affect the decision and action of a particular branch of the Government service. For this reason I have always been apprehensive that some government official might criticize the Department or the Bureau for withholding information from him, claiming that had this information which was in the possession of one governmental agency been transmitted to him, it would have affected his decision or action upon some current matter. It is virtually impossible for the Bureau to evaluate in detail the information which reaches it, particularly when this information pertains to matters outside the normal field of the operations. For this reason, doubts as to the necessity of transmitting a particular piece of information to various governmental officials are resolved in favor of transmitting this information to them. It has been my belief that by carrying out this policy the Bureau was reducing to an absolute minimum the possibility of having in its possession information which might be vital to the program of some other branch of Federal Government service. Frequently the material transmitted to Cabinet officers and the heads of other governmental agencies is marked "Personal and Confidential" in order to restrict distribution of this information to the persons to whom the information was furnished. In this regard I might point out that the information furnished to Secretary Gorgenthau concerning Sir William Wiseman was so marked. In order that I may carry out your wishes in this category of matters in the future, I would appreciate being advised as to the policy which you desire me to follow in this type of situation.

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

65-7719

January 11, 1961

JHW:ECR

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

RE: [REDACTED] IN NEW ORLEANS;

RE: [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the above-captioned case, it is noted there has been much unwarranted confusion in connection with the title in this matter. It is noted from a review of this file that it has been variously captioned by Field Offices receiving copies of this communication as follows:

New Orleans Field Division

(1) [REDACTED] in New Orleans;

(2) [REDACTED]

(3) [REDACTED]

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Birmingham Field Division

(1) [REDACTED] in New Orleans;

(2) [REDACTED]

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Detroit Field Division

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Los Angeles Field Division

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All Offices receiving copies of this communication are directed to review their files in this matter and delete all of the titles set out under the numerical listing above and substitute the title "German Activities in New Orleans; Confide; [redacted]"

Of course, those Offices, namely New Orleans, San Francisco, Detroit, and Los Angeles, which have files captioned

[redacted] should properly caption them [redacted] in New Orleans and San Francisco; Confide; [redacted]

It is desired that in the future in reporting on this matter that you conform with instructions set out herein.

All Offices receiving copies of this communication are directed to return this communication with the acknowledgment that they have complied with my instructions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Birmingham
San Francisco
San Antonio
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Detroit
Los Angeles

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 11, 1941

Mr. Tolson _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Technical Surveillances

With regard to your inquiry as to the installation of two technical surveillances requested by the Washington Field Division, you are advised that the present status is as follows:

The installation in #1 location has already been on for about a week. The Washington Field Division has desired to change it for the reason that it is presently in an open trunk storage room accessible to many people. I understand it is necessary to take off the installation every time a stranger comes into the room and wait until he leaves. The Washington Field Division, however, had no other place to put this installation. They expected to get Apartment #817 and accordingly I sent two Laboratory technicians out there to survey the possibilities of an installation in #817. While making this survey Mr. Newby advised the Laboratory men that he was now unable to get Apartment #817. Mr. Pfafman in exploring the basement then found a small room used for housing refrigerator motors, which appeared to be more suitable and more private than the large open trunk room in that it had a private outside entrance. He advised Mr. Newby of this room and told him the installation could readily be made there. Mr. Newby then requested that the work be stopped until further notice. I talked with Mr. Newby on the telephone this morning and he advised me that he does not consider the small refrigerator storage room suitable. He states he has rented Apartment #323 but it will not be available until the 20th of the month. The Laboratory stands prepared to make the installation in #323 on the 20th of the month or whenever it is accessible.

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With regard to the #2 installation, I asked Mr. Newby on the telephone this morning if he was ready for that. He stated he was not ready in that he expected to have the company put in a line for him into room 420-B. He stated that as soon as he had this telephone installed, which would be several days yet, he would then get in touch with the Laboratory to have the installation for the surveillance completed.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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August 27, 1941

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: **ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE**

~~CONFIDENTIAL.~~ YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT A MOST CAREFUL STUDY OF ANY AND ALL TECHNICAL AND MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCES MAINTAINED BY YOU TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT NO FBI LETTERHEADS, FORMS OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MATERIAL IS MAINTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF ANY PLANT OF THIS KIND. EXTRAORDINARY CARE MUST BE EXERCISED AT ALL TIMES TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS NOT MAINTAINED AT THE SCENE OF ANY TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCES ANYTHING WHATSOEVER WHICH COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUREAU OR ANY INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OF THE BUREAU.

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Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Foxworth.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Newark, New Jersey

RFB:VML

September 5, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated August 27, 1941 instructing that a most careful study of any and all technical and microphone surveillances maintained be conducted to make certain that no Federal Bureau of Investigation letterhead forms or other identifying material are maintained in connection with the operation of any plant of this kind.

Please be advised that at the present time there are no technical or microphone surveillances pending in the Newark Division.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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September 12, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information copies of a memorandum dated September 8, 1941, received from Judge Alexander Holtzoff of the Criminal Division of the Department referring to the Departmental interpretation concerning recent California legislation relating to the use of dictographs.

Very truly yours.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc San Francisco
San Diego

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 5, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This refers to your memorandum of August 30 concerning recent California legislation relating to the use of the dictographs. This Act was approved by the Governor on May 31, 1941 and constitutes Senate Bill 29, Chapter 525, adding a new section to the Penal Code to be known as Section 653h. This statute provides as follows:

"Any person who, without consent of the owner, lessee, or occupant, installs or attempts to install or use a dictograph in any house, room, apartment, tenement, office, shop, warehouse, store, mill, barn, stable, or other building, tent, vessel, railroad car, vehicle, mine or any underground portion thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, that nothing herein shall prevent the use and installation of dictographs by a regular salaried peace officer expressly authorized thereto by the head of his office or department or by a district attorney, when such use and installation are necessary in the performance of their duties in detecting crime and in the apprehension of criminals."

In reply to your inquiry, it is my opinion that this statute does not apply to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when acting in the performance of their official duties, since an agent is covered by the term "a regular salaried peace officer."

In order to comply with the statute in each instance, the installation should be expressly

Att. Los Angeles, San Diego.
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authorized either by you or by the Special Agent in charge of the field office to which the Agent is accredited. It may also be authorized by the United States Attorney.

66 I may add that this statute does not apply to the use of a microphone if such microphone is installed outside of the premises that are under surveillance and in a room either temporarily occupied by the Agents or with the consent of the person who is the occupant of the room.

Alexander Holtzoff
Alexander Holtzoff

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September 5, 1941

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Dear Sir:

The following instructions concerning the installation of technical surveillances and microphone surveillances are to be placed in operation at once and absolutely no variation of these instructions should be attempted at any time.

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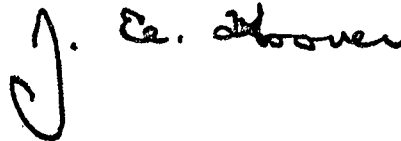
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General

Absolutely no technical or microphone surveillances will be installed at any time except upon proper Bureau authorization obtained in the manner described above.

In the operations of the National Defense Squad in New York City Mr. Connelley or Mr. Donegan are authorized to request Bureau approval for these types of surveillances.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 5, 1941 ✓

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER	CARSON	KRAMER
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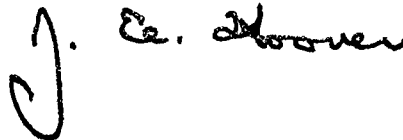
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 28, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletypewriter message from the Bureau under date of 6:00 P.M., August 27, 1941, which related to certain highly confidential sources of information.

This is to advise that the various such highly confidential sources of information in this district were carefully studied by the writer on the night of August 27, 1941 and morning of August 28, 1941, and are presently in the condition which the Bureau desires them to be. These sources of information will be so studied twice monthly as to retain them in this fashion.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee
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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 20, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Reference is made to your telephone conversation inquiring about the number of Special Agents employed on the technical surveillances being maintained in the Washington Field Office. In going over this matter with Mr. McKee, it was learned that the men actually employed on the technical surveillances are as follows:

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Those surveillances having three men assigned, alternate on the day and night watches, working from 9 to 9. The third man works from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. every third week. These men relieve themselves on Sundays and holidays. On the surveillances having only two men, they work twelve hours a day. With reference to the surveillance having only one man, that is a daytime surveillance only which is maintained only when the office is open.

There are five additional men assigned to the investigation of information being obtained from these surveillances or acting as "observers." The observers actually maintain a physical surveillance on the subjects and the subjects' headquarters so as to keep in constant touch with the activities around the headquarters as well as the movements of the subjects. In addition to the above, there are two full-time physical surveillances being maintained.

It would at first appear that the total respect is excessive. However, when it is considered that in most instances work twelve hours a day or, in some instances, work from 9 to 5 every third week including Sundays, I do not believe the surveillances are over-assigned. The surveillances being maintained by three men are particularly busy ones with a large number handled by each.

Respectfully, "FOXWORTH"

M. E. GURNEA

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September 23, 1941

MR. LADD

Re: Technical Surveillance -
San Antonio

In order to obtain additional information concerning the possibilities of a technical surveillance at San Antonio in connection with the [redacted] telephonic conversation was had with Acting SAC Acers of San Antonio on September 18, 1941, at which time he was requested to ascertain the average number of messages sent by telephone over the two lines. He called back later advising that the average was 125 per day. Acers was also questioned as to his opinions on the possibility that the telephone company in San Antonio would be willing to make such an installation if desired. He stated the company there was very cooperative and had promised to assist in any way possible in national defense matters. He stated San Antonio is in the district covered by the southwestern division of the telephone company and that in charge of that division is a man in St. Louis who is a good friend of Special Agent Jack Brennan who would be the proper man to contact this individual in the event the Bureau feels it desirable to feel the telephone company out on the matter. He said the San Antonio telephone company officials could not do anything relative to the problem without the prior sanction of the man in St. Louis. Acers did not know this man's name.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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October 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have received your memorandum of October 22, 1941, in which you authorize the installation of certain technical surveillances and advise that other surveillances are not authorized and further that certain surveillances being maintained should be discontinued. I desire to point out that in accord with your memorandum of October 22, 1941, the following technical surveillances which were requested on the dates indicated have not been authorized:

Clete 'Connor Yates, Communist, 2000 California Street, San Francisco, California, September 26, 1941;
Locust Book Store, Communist, 260 South 11th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1941;
Mr. and Mrs. Ordway Southard, Communist, 1305 15th Street, South, Birmingham, Alabama, October 7, 1941;
Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City, October 10, 1941;
Russian Consulate, Espionage, 7 East 61st Street, New York City, October 10, 1941;

Alexander Trachtenberg, Communist, Room 1301, 301 Fourth Avenue, New York City, October 10, 1941;
Clarence Gurewitz, Communist, 2033 Reservoir Road, N. Y., Washington, D. C., October 10, 1941;

It is further noted that the following surveillances which heretofore have been in operation must be discontinued in accord with your instructions:

Communist Party Headquarters, Boston, Massachusetts

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Communist Party Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois;
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The Workers School, Chicago, Illinois;
Communist Party Headquarters, Cleveland, Ohio;
Communist Party Headquarters, Detroit, Michigan;
Reverend Owen A. Knox, Detroit, Michigan;
Communist Party Headquarters, Los Angeles, California;
S. K. Ferenz, Los Angeles, California;
Dr. Takashi Furusawa, Los Angeles, California;
Paul Cline, Los Angeles, California;
Los Angeles Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles,
California;
Communist Party Headquarters, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
Rosenfeld Lunch, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
Communist Party Headquarters, San Francisco, California;
Isaac Folkoff, San Francisco, California;
International Labor Defense, San Francisco, California;
Peoples World, San Francisco, California;
Walter Stock, San Francisco, California;
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Kenit Kuuno, Washington, D. C.

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I have noted that the vast majority of the suggested technical surveillances which have not been authorized and the current surveillances which must be discontinued are upon Communists or closely affiliated groups. I must bring to your attention the fact that failure to install or maintain the technical surveillances listed above will materially weaken the Bureau's coverage of subversive activities, particularly those subversive activities being carried on by the Communist Party. In this regard, I desire to point out that the Presidential Directive of September 6, 1939, which designated the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the coordinator of certain national defense investigations specifically applied not only to espionage and sabotage but also to "subversive activities". There can be no doubt from the evidence which has been obtained to date that the program of the Communist Party is a subversive one and, in fact, the Department has so ruled in connection with the Bureau's investigation of subversive activities on the part of Government employees.

There appears to be no shortage of judicial recognition

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of the fact that the Communist Party advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. As a matter of fact, this is one of the basic principles upon which Judge Seara's ruling in the Harry Bridges deportation case is predicated. While I realize that Judge Seara's ruling is not yet final, it is a very valuable indication of the judicial attitude towards the Communist Party after proper and competent evidence concerning its program has been presented to a judicial authority. In addition, other decisions which record the finding of competent courts that the Communist Party does advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence may be found in the following cases which are typical and are not intended to be an all-inclusive enumeration of such decisions:

- U. S. ex rel Yohinen v. Commissioner of Immigration*, 57 F. 2nd 707 (certiorari denied 287 U. S. 607)
- Ex parte Jurgens* (DC Minn.) 17 F. 2nd 507
- U. S. ex rel Fortnaueller v. Commissioner of Immigration* (DC N.Y. 1936) 14 F. Supp. 484
- U. S. ex rel Fernandes v. Commissioner of Immigration*, Ellis Island, 65 F. 2nd 592
- U. S. v. Reimer*, 72 F. 2nd 315
- Murdoch v. Clark* (CCA) 53 F. 2nd 155
- Wolck v. Weedin* (CCA 9) 39 F. 2nd 928
- Kjar v. Doak* (CCA) 61 F. 2nd 566
- Jurgens v. Seaman* (CCA 8) 28 F. 2nd 35
- Sormunen v. Noble*, supra, (CCA 1932) 59 F. 2nd 398
- Kenmolen v. Nagle* (CCA 9), 44 F. 2nd 953
- Tom Evanoff et al. v. Benham*, No. 6375. (CCA 9)
- Saksaganosky v. Weedin* (CCA 9) 59 F. 2nd 13
- Vilastine v. Gorrity* (CCA 9) 50 F. 2nd 882
- In re Soderquist*, supra, (DC Me. 1935) 11 F. Supp. 525, affirmed *Sorquist v. Ward* (CCA) 63 F. 2nd 890

Obviously any organization which has for its purpose the overthrow of an established government must and will resort to espionage, sabotage and every other despicable means of accomplishing its ends. The program of the Communist Party is so diametrically opposed to our American ideas of Democracy that the Communist Party is not considered a legitimate political party in many states, including according to the latest available information Arizona, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Ohio and Washington.

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Since the majority of the technical surveillances which have either not been authorized or are to be discontinued relate to the activities of the Communist Party, I wanted to point out that in accord with instructions received at the Bureau from Mr. L. M. C. Smith, many aspects of the Communist Party and its program through certain front organizations are under actual investigation by the Bureau at the present time. By memorandum of August 26, 1941, addressed to me by Mr. L. M. C. Smith, the Bureau was requested to initiate a comprehensive investigation of activities of the Communist Party for the purpose of determining whether its operations constituted a violation of the Voorhis Act. At the specific request of Mr. Smith's division as indicated in memoranda received from time to time and as recently as September 4, 1941, the Bureau has engaged in an active investigation of the Young Communist League. By memorandum of August 30, 1941, the Bureau was requested by Mr. L. M. C. Smith's division to conduct an investigation of the American Communications Association with particular emphasis on its penetration and control by members of the Communist Party.

Under date of September 17, 1941, Mr. L. M. C. Smith requested an investigation, in addition to that already conducted by the Bureau, into the operations of the International Labor Defense, which is closely aligned with the Communist Party. I cite these specific investigations to you in order that you may be fully aware of the nature and scope of the inquiries which the Bureau has been conducting into the Communist Party and its operations. Obviously, it is impossible to conduct comprehensive investigation of the activities of the various Communist groups without the maintenance of technical surveillances. In connection with the investigations outlined above, certain inquiries are essential with reference to the operation of bookshops which serve as focal points for the operation of various Communist groups. Open investigation cannot be conducted in these places because Agents attempting to make inquiries would be immediately suspected, identified and their efforts consequently made fruitless. The use of a technical surveillance is, consequently, the only way in which reliable, first-hand information may be obtained from such sources.

The Bureau has never relaxed its policy of constant study of Communist Party operations and infiltration into various groups. In this regard, I might point out that under date of July 10, 1941, a letter addressed to me by Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, Jr., contains a statement of the position

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which Mr. Berle indicates should be maintained by the Governmental departments towards Russian and Communist agents in the United States. It states, "Considerations of expediency have led the Russian policy from one of hostility to the United States to one of friendship. Like considerations may change the policy back again to one of hostility at any moment, and perhaps without previous warning. Though not likely, it must be kept in mind that the Stalin Government might again come to an agreement with Germany; or that the Russian Government itself might pass into the hands of other elements in Russia; or that through conquest a German puppet Government might establish control over the Comintern and espionage machinery. In any of these cases the same mechanisms may suddenly be dominated once more by a Government hostile to the United States.

"For this reason the Department feels that it would be unwise to abandon surveillance over the activities of the Russian and Communist agencies in the United States and in the Western Hemisphere; and that it would be unwise to permit agents of these groups to establish themselves in strategic or influential positions.

"Furthermore, freedom of this country from subversive activities of these units should rest, not on the attitude of the Russian Government, but on the ability of the United States to protect itself against such activities whenever necessary."

It is my firm opinion that the policy enunciated by Mr. Berle is sound and logically correct. You will recall that the Bureau was able to obtain information concerning Communist Party activities in the North American Aviation Company plant in southern California several months ago, which information was of the utmost value to the Federal Government. In fact, it was upon the basis of this information that decisive steps were taken which resulted in the prompt termination of the strike and the reopening of the plant. The Bureau obtained this information through the use of technical surveillance. Likewise, in connection with the Allis Chalmers strike in Wisconsin several months ago the Bureau was able to advise the interested Government departments in detail of the Communist Party direction of this strike. Again this information was obtained through the use of technical surveillance. I cite these two instances only as indicative of the great value of the information obtained through technical surveillance, particularly in the observation of Communist activities.

I note particularly in your memorandum of October 22 the statement that "the technical surveillances now installed and presently in use which I have not now approved shall be discontinued unless they have developed evidence of sabotage, espionage or activities undertaken for the purpose of injuring the national defense * * *. If there be such evidence, I should like to have it presented to me so that I may give further consideration to the cases involved. This suggestion applies as well to the requests for new installations which have not received my approval." In connection with all technical surveillances which are maintained, I wanted to point out that a weekly summary of affirmative information obtained through each surveillance is prepared in order that I may personally determine whether adequate grounds exist for the continuation of each technical surveillance. No surveillance is maintained which is not productive of affirmative information. I am attaching hereto typical memoranda outlining data developed through technical surveillances which have heretofore been maintained and which your instructions necessitate discontinuing. The discontinuance of these technical surveillances will preclude the Bureau from obtaining data concerning proposed plans of action, particularly on the part of Communist Party leaders. The only chance of a proposed act of sabotage, therefore, will be the successful perpetration of the sabotage act itself. Obviously, it is too late to take any preventive steps after a successful act of sabotage has been perpetrated.

Heretofore, the Bureau has been exceptionally successful in preventing attempts at sabotage through information developed through the use of technical surveillances. A typical example of an accomplishment is illustrated by the fact that no plans were made in subversive circles for the perpetration of acts of sabotage during the Decoration Day week-end. The Bureau learned of these plans and took appropriate preliminary steps through notification of military and naval authorities, plant managements, local police departments, et cetera, so that the entire plan was frustrated without a single act of sabotage being carried out. I repeat, however, that the use of technical surveillances is practically essential to obtain evidence of a sabotage plot until it has been frustrated.

In outlining this situation to you not because of any

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desire to be argumentative in connection with the policy which you have enunciated relating to technical surveillances but because I feel an obligation as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to bring these facts to your consideration. In addition, I feel that a personal loyalty to you as Attorney General impels me to make certain that you have given proper weight to all of the factors which must be considered in this rather complex picture. In addition, my personal interest in the internal security of the country compels me to make certain that you have an accurate and complete picture of all the elements involved in the program outlined by you.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Subject Technical Surveillance

This serial, the original memorandum, from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 10-22-41, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 6, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Wiretapping.

Section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 reads in part as follows:

"* * * and no person not being authorized by the sender shall intercept any communication and divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, or effect, or meaning of such intercepted communication to any person * * *."

Study leads me to the following conclusions:

1. The above provision is not violated unless there is both interception and divulgence or publication. (See, in addition to the language of the statute, letter of Attorney General Jackson to Honorable Hatton W. Summers, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, March 19, 1941.)
2. Nor is interception alone a violation of the Constitution. (Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 438; Justices Holmes, Brandeis, Butler and Stone dissenting.)
3. The use in court of evidence obtained directly or derivatively by wiretapping in the enforcement of the law is illegal (Nardone v. United States, 302 U.S. 379; Nardone v. United States, 308 U.S. 398; Weiss et al. v. United States, 308 U.S. 321).
4. Anyone becoming acquainted through his employment with the fact of, or the content of, a communication is prohibited from divulgence except in course of the employment of receiving, transmitting, etc., or except in response to a subpoena or "on demand of other lawful authority"; and no person not being entitled thereto shall receive or assist in receiving, or use any communication, or information therein contained, for his own benefit or the benefit of another not entitled thereto; and no person having received such intercepted communication or

having become acquainted with its content, knowing the information was so obtained, shall divulge it for his own benefit or for the benefit of another not entitled thereto. (See provisions of section 605.)

5. The question of what, within the meaning of the statute, constitutes divulgence of an intercepted message, where it is not divulged in court or used to prosecute a case in court, or except as prohibited as noted in paragraph 4, is not clear, and has not been passed upon by the courts. The case of United States v. Weiss, supra, indicates the strictness with which the statute has been construed. If, however, employees of a Federal agency should intercept messages and use the information obtained to inform their superior of conduct which the latter should have as to matters affecting the national security, and the disclosure is not made to any other person it seems doubtful that such action would constitute divulgence or publication within the meaning of the statute. Of course, in view of the decisions of the Court thus far rendered, it must be said that the question can not be answered categorically.

6. What has been said above seems to me also to leave open the question whether the general purpose and content of this statute, notwithstanding the rigidity with which the Court has thus far construed its prohibitions, is intended by Congress to apply to the President as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. It is my opinion that the Commander in Chief as such may lawfully have divulged to him or to someone on his behalf intercepted information relative to the security of the nation. If our armies were in the field within the United States, it seems to me very clear that the statute would not be construed to prohibit such divulgence. The fact is our Navy is in a sense "in the field" now, engaged in perilous duty. Our general policy against interception and divulgence, the nature of wiretapping, and the abuse to which its use lends itself, unite to require that the use to which I think it may be legally put, be most carefully circumscribed. But I conclude that divulgence to or on behalf of the Commander in Chief with respect to matters relating to the military security of the nation is not illegal.

Charles Fahy,
Assistant Solicitor General.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

HONOLULU, T. H.

GEA:PB

November 10, 1941.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: [REDACTED] TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's cable of October 26, 1941,
granting authority to install technical surveillance on telephonic
communications [REDACTED]

This is to advise that a technical surveillance was estab-
lished [REDACTED]

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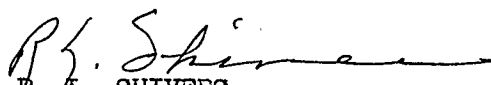
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Weekly reports summarizing information of value obtained through this surveillance will be rendered to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. L. Shivers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Your attention is respectfully referred to various telephone surveillances which have been referred to you for your authorization on the dates specified. (S) (U)

[redacted] (S) (U)
[redacted]

and this matter was referred to you on September 2, 1941. (S) (U)

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This matter was referred to you on September 2, 1941. (S) (U)

[redacted] (S) (U)
[redacted]

This matter was referred to you for your opinion on September 9, 1941. (S) (U)

John Howard Lawson (S) (U)
North Hollywood, California
This individual is a close associate of *Harbert* (S) (U)

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Attorney General

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Los Angeles, California who is engaged as a courier for the Communist Party. It has been reported that Lawson acts as a contact man between Eiberman on the West Coast and Communist Party officials on the East Coast. A technical surveillance on Lawson was suggested by the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's Los Angeles Office and the matter was referred to you on September 11, 1941. (S) (U)

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The matter was referred to you for your opinion on September 23, 1941. (S) (U)

Oleta O'Connor Yates (S) (U)

San Francisco, California

This individual has long been an active Communist in the San Francisco area and is now reported to be confined to her home with a slight illness. For this reason, consideration has been given to establishing a technical surveillance on her telephone. This matter was referred to you on September 26, 1941. (S) (U)

Locust Book Store (S) (U)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This book store is engaged in the sale of Communist literature and is operated by persons connected with the Communist Party. The matter of establishing a technical surveillance on this location was referred to you on September 27, 1941. (S) (U)

[REDACTED] (S) (U)

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This matter was referred to you for your opinion as to the advisability of placing a technical surveillance on [REDACTED] on October 6, 1941. (S) (U)

Mr. and Mrs. Ordway Southard (S) (U)

These individuals operate the Modern Book Shop in Birmingham, Alabama and are considered to be very active in Communist circles. The matter of establishing a technical surveillance on the Southards' telephone was brought to your attention on October 7, 1941. (S) (U)

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~~(S)~~ (U) Alexander Trachtenberg

Room 1301, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York

This individual is the head of the International Publishing Company in New York City, which is the principal Communist publishing house in the New York area. He is one of the few active Communists in the United States who has a Russian background and it is believed that he constitutes one of the links between Moscow and the Communist Party activities in the United States. This matter was referred to you on October 10, 1941. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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This matter was referred to you on October 10, 1941. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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This matter was referred to you on October 10, 1941. ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~(S)~~ (U) Communist Party Headquarters

35 East 12th Street, New York, New York

Since the Communist program centers around the Party Headquarters in New York City and statements of policy and procedure emanate from that source, it is deemed essential to a proper coverage of Communist Party activities to maintain a telephone tap on the headquarters of the Communist Party. This matter was referred to you on October 10, 1941. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Your further consideration of these matters will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to my memoranda of September 2, 1941 and September 19, 1941, in connection with the matter of placing a technical surveillance in order to cover [redacted]

It appears highly desirable to complete any action in connection with this matter at an early date. It would be appreciated, therefore, if I may have your opinion as to the advisability of placing this technical surveillance at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Your attention is respectfully referred to my memorandum of September 2, 1941, wherein your advice was requested with reference to placing a technical surveillance in order to cover [REDACTED]

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Due to the importance of this matter, it will be appreciated if your advice may be received at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

(S) Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Your attention is respectfully invited to my memorandum of October 23, 1941 in response to your memorandum of October 22, 1941 relative to the continuance of the following technical surveillances:

Technical Surveilance

- Communist Party Headquarters, Boston, Massachusetts
- Communist Party Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois
- The International Labor Defense, Chicago, Illinois
- The International Workers Order, Chicago, Illinois
- The Workers School, Chicago, Illinois
- Communist Party Headquarters, Cleveland, Ohio
- Communist Party Headquarters, Detroit, Michigan
- Reverend Owen A. Knox, Detroit, Michigan
- Communist Party Headquarters, Los Angeles, California
- S. K. Perenz, Los Angeles, California
- Dr. Takashi Furusawa, Los Angeles, California
- Paul Cline, Los Angeles, California
- Los Angeles Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, California
- Communist Party Headquarters, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Rosenfeld Lunch, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Communist Party Headquarters, San Francisco, California
- Isaac Polkoff, San Francisco, California
- International Labor Defense, San Francisco, California
- Peoples World, San Francisco, California
- Walter Stack, San Francisco, California
- Communist Party Headquarters, Washington, D. C.
- Jack Mink, Washington, D. C.
- Kenji Kanno, Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Of the above group of technical surveillances, five have now been discontinued, namely, International Workers Order, The Workers School, Dr. Takashi Furusawa, Jack Mink, and Kenji Kauno. However, we have not as yet received a reply from you relative to the matter of continuing the operation of the others in this group nor with respect to the installation of the following proposed surveillances which were referred to you on the dates indicated:

Oleta O'Connor Yates, San Francisco, California, September 26,
1941;
Locust Book Store, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 27,
1941;
Mr. and Mrs. Ordway Southard, Birmingham, Alabama, October 7,
1941;
Communist Party Headquarters, New York, New York, October 10,
1941;
Communist Party Headquarters, Washington, D. C., November 5,
1941;
Anderson and Resner, San Francisco, California, November 10,
1941;
Prince B. Boncompagni, New York, New York, November 12, 1941.

I would appreciate your advice with reference to the installation of each of these proposed technical surveillances.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DUCK. RETEL TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES. NONE BEING UTILIZED THIS
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

**Post Office Box 1679
El Paso, Texas**

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December 26, 1941

**Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.**

**Re: TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES
NATIONAL DEFENSE INVESTIGATIONS**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype on the captioned subject matter dated December 24, 1941, at 5:06 p.m., EST.

I desire to advise the Bureau that there are presently no technical surveillances being maintained in this district in connection with national defense investigations. The type and scope of national defense cases here have not required the use of a technical surveillance in any instance to date.

However, upon consideration of the cited Bureau teletype, together with developments which recently arose in the case entitled [redacted] El Paso

[redacted] it is my opinion that a technical surveillance of Subject [redacted] would be both desirable and profitable. Accordingly, under even date I have advised the Bureau by teletype, requesting authority for the technical surveillance on this Subject. This is the only case now pending in the El Paso district in which I feel that technical surveillance procedure would be warranted.

Very truly yours,

**D. A. BRYCE,
Special Agent in Charge.**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 13, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ^O TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE

Dear Sir:

On January 7, 1942 the Illinois Bell Telephone Company advised this office by letter that Mr. JOHN UGOLINI, who represents the Italian Chamber of Commerce in this city, had requested reinstatement of telephone service at 155 North Clark Street, and the company desired to know if this office had any objection to them doing so. They were advised that the Chicago Field Division could see no reason why the reinstatement should not be granted.

It should be noted that UGOLINI was originally connected with the Italian Steamship Lines, whose activities were stopped recently by the United States Treasury Department. He is also the subject of an internal security case in this office entitled, "JOHN UGOLINI" and is suspected of being engaged in subversive activities but to date no specific information has been developed. It should also be noted that UGOLINI was the assistant to THOMAS SILVESTRINI, manager of the steamship lines. SILVESTRINI is also the subject of an internal security case and reported by informants to be definitely pro-Fascist and also engaged in subversive activities.

In view of the facts mentioned above, this would be an opportune time to place a technical surveillance on this office in an effort to learn more about the Italian activities in this district and determine the functions of this office. This office is therefore requesting the permission of the Bureau to place a technical surveillance on the office of the Italian Chamber of Commerce at 155 North Clark Street, room 311.

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It will be appreciated if the Bureau will give this matter immediate consideration and notify the Chicago Field Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,


A. H. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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January 22, 1942

Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PATTERSON

RE: TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES

1. The Technical Surveillance General file (66-8160) has approximately 41 serials.
2. The Wire Tapping file (62-12114) has approximately 2142 serials.
3. (a) Wire Tapping has 750 cards with more than 3000 references.
(b) Technical Surveillance numbers 13 cards containing 17 references.

4. There are "Con" files on [redacted] in practically every big city in the United States and Honolulu.

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5. The "Con" files referred to in #4 are the actual telephone conversations taken from records. There would be no mistaking this type of material if you were to review these files.

6. The phrase "Technical Surveillance" is used frequently throughout the above-listed files and also in many case files.

7. In addition to all of the previously listed material, there is a great number of individual case files that make direct reference to technical surveillances.

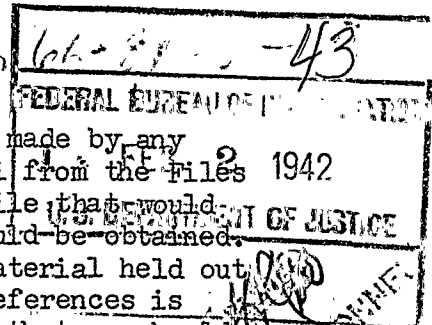
RECOMMENDATIONS:

The writer recommends that no attempt be made by any Supervisor in the Bureau to segregate this material from the Files Division as there is so much material already on file that would have to be destroyed before the desired purpose could be obtained. There is already quite an amount of confidential material held out for obvious reasons and thus the locating of our references is made quite difficult and it is therefore my belief that we should refrain from the segregation of confidential material from the Files Division.

Respectfully,

O. George Medler, Jr.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

739 Insurance Exchange Building
Des Moines, Iowa
December 30, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Technical Surveillances

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of December 24, 1941, requesting to be advised as to whether there is any need for additional Technical Surveillances in connection with the handling of national defense investigations in this district.

At this time there are no technical surveillances being conducted and there are no cases pending in this district wherein it is believed a technical surveillance would be of any value.

Should the situation change, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours

J. L. Dalton
J. L. DALTON
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

601 Richmond Trust Building
Richmond, Virginia

January 7, 1942

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ⁰ TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES
Richmond Field Division

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletypes dated December 24, 1941 and January 6, 1942, in which this office is requested to inform the Bureau as to the necessary technical surveillances in connection with the handling of national defense investigations in this district.

This is to advise the Bureau at the present there are no technical surveillances being maintained nor is it contemplated that any will be necessary in the immediate future. The Bureau will be advised as to all the necessary facts in the event occasions arise wherein technical surveillances may be necessary.

Very truly yours,

H. I. Bobbitt

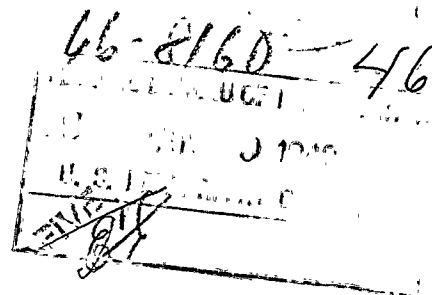
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Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

P.O. Box 440
Juneau, Alaska
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: Technical Surveillances

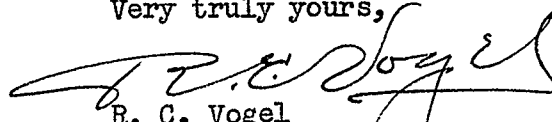
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau radiogram of December 24, 1941, requesting information concerning the above-captioned matter.

This is to advise that at the present time no Technical Surveillances are being maintained in the Juneau District nor is it believed necessary or desirable to maintain such surveillances in any of the Juneau cases at the present time.

At such time as it becomes necessary or desirable to install a Technical Surveillance, complete identifying data and detailed justification for the installation of such a surveillance will be promptly transmitted to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,


R. C. Vogel
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Huntington, West Virginia
December 30, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated December 24, 1941, instructing that you be advised whether in my opinion this office has installed all necessary technical surveillances in connection with the handling of national defense work in this district.

At the present time this Office is maintaining no technical surveillances, and I have none to recommend at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner
R. J. UNTREINER,
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Little Rock, Arkansas
December 31, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau teletype dated December 24, 1941, the Bureau is advised that no technical surveillances are presently being maintained by the Little Rock Office.

No cases are presently pending in this office where it is believed a technical surveillance would be advisable or necessary or justified.

Very truly yours,

Fred Hallford
FRED HALLFORD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

January 8, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ⁰ TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated December 24, 1941, instructing that the Bureau be advised whether this office has installed and is maintaining all necessary technical surveillances in connection with National Defense investigations in this area and that the Bureau be advised if any additional technical surveillances are desired at this time.

Please be advised that a survey is now being made of the National Defense cases pending in this district, with the view to determining whether the installation of technical surveillances regarding them is justifiable and necessary at this time.

If it is decided that technical surveillances are necessary and justifiable in these cases, the Bureau will be promptly informed.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Danner

R. G. DANNER
Special Agent in Charge

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